

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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SUBSTRATE AND METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
INSPECTING DEFECTS OF PATTERNS OF AN  
OBJECT TO BE INSPECTED  
Art Unit : Unassigned (Parent - 2877)  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information for consideration by the Office under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 in the present application and for printing on the face of any patent issuing hereon, as listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

The present application is a continuation of Appln. No. 10/097,478 filed 18 March 2002, pending, which is a continuation of Appln. No. 09/588,201 filed 6 June 2000, now US 6,404,498 B1, which is a continuation of Appln. No. 09/107,432 filed 30 June 1998, now US 6,263,099, which is a continuation of Appln. No. 08/539,886 filed 6 October 1995, now US 5,774,222. The information listed on

the attached Form PTO-1449 was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in the prior applications. Therefore, no copies of the listed references are required, in accordance MPEP §609A(2). Further, in accordance with MPEP §609A(3), no concise explanation of relevance is required for the information that is not in the English language because the relevance of the information does not differ from its relevance as explained in the prior applications.

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted concurrently with the above-identified continuation, and is therefore timely, so no Petition or fee is required for this submission.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to return an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 to indicate entry and consideration of the information listed thereon.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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